



Dear Family,

I'm María, I'm 16 years old and turning 17 this year. I live in a town in Spain called Alcázar de San Juan. It's not very big, but I like it because all my friends live here. I love hanging out with them and doing different activities, like going for walks on Saturdays.

Some of my hobbies are dancing ballet and playing golf. I don't play golf very often anymore because I don't have much time, but I really love it. I'm not super athletic, but I do enjoy playing basketball and volleyball, and I'd love to try new sports that aren't available in my town. I also love swimming, whether it's at the beach or in a pool. The beach is one of my favorite places, and I try to go whenever I can.

About my family, I live with my parents, my little sister, and our dog. My sister is two years younger than me, and we have a really good relationship. We do lots of things together. I also enjoy spending time with the rest of my family, especially my little cousin, because I love playing with small children. At home, I help my parents by making my bed, picking up my clothes, setting and clearing the table, and unloading the dishwasher.

One very important thing about me is that I'm celiac, so I can't eat anything with gluten. My favorite foods are pasta, some typical Spanish dishes, sushi, and many other things, although I'm not a big fan of fruit.

In the future, I'd like to become a doctor, like my mother. I've already travelled to Ireland, England, and the USA with programs like this one, and I really enjoy traveling, whether it's with family, friends, or on my own, discovering new countries and learning about different cultures.

Apart from improving my English, I want to join this program because I love the USA. Last summer, I was on the East Coast, and now one of my dreams is to visit LA. I'd really like to stay in a house with a host family because I think it helps you learn more about the culture and improve your English even more.

Thank very much for giving me this opportunity to be at your house and to learn about your country. I will be so happy there and I hope you too.

Looking forward to meeting you!

Best wishes,

María

Would describe yourself as:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Timid | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intellectual | <input type="checkbox"/> Patient | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Talkative |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sociable | <input type="checkbox"/> Artistic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energetic | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent | <input type="checkbox"/> Neat | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affectionate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Studious | <input type="checkbox"/> Witty | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Check one box for the activities you enjoy, and check two boxes for your favorite activities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Movies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging/Running | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting/Drawing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shopping | <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Golf | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding/Rollerblading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scout/Girl Scout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Video Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball | <input type="checkbox"/> Museums | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Instrument (which do you play): _____ | | (<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced) |

What is your religious affiliation, if any: CATHOLIC

Would you accept to go to religious service with your host family? Yes In theory no, but I'm okay to try (*it will not be mandatory but it usually is an important part of the American family life*)



